



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

(RCW 34.05.310)

CR-101 (7/22/01)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making:

Chapter 296-24 WAC, Safety Standards for General Safety and Health
WAC 296-78-710, Construction and isolated equipment
WAC 296-301-020, General safety requirements
WAC 296-800-11045, Protect employees from biological agents
WAC 296-800-35052 Tag cited moveable equipment to warn employees of a hazard

(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 49.17.010, RCW 49.17.040, RCW 49.17.050, RCW 49.17.060

(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is proposing to rewrite and clarify requirements relating to Signs and Color Codes. This rulemaking is part of our goal to rewrite all of WISHA's general occupational safety and health rules for clarity. The department may eliminate unnecessary requirements and outdated terminology. In addition, the department may move requirements from this rule to another WISHA rule to increase usability. References will also be updated through other WISHA rules.

(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

No other state or federal agencies, other than Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), are known that regulate this subject.

(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

The department must adopt rules identical to or at least as effective as OSHA rules as required by the OSHA/WISHA state plan agreement. Parties interested in the formulation of these rules for proposal may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments or giving oral testimony during the public hearing process.

(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

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